

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

**Summer Church service hours
will be 9 am to 10 am, starting
the 24th of June thru
August 19th.**



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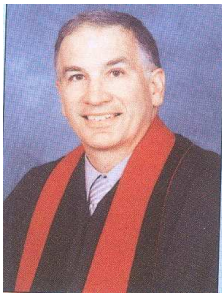
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THOTS FROM TOM



It's summer. I wait all year to be able to say and think that. No digging out from snow and ice, no more being cold, no more drab, windswept days, no more driving to and from work in total darkness. It's summer. Now we put up with mosquitoes and ticks, poison

ivy, weeds growing out from every crack in the sidewalk and driveway, lawns that seems to grow up around our ankles every other day, high gasoline prices, and energy sapping heat and humidity so high that one needs a shower after a simple walk down the driveway to get the mail or the morning newspaper. I love it.

This summer, in an attempt to beat the high heat and humidity in our sanctuary, the board of Diaconate voted to move the time of our worship to one hour earlier. They hope that this time change will encourage a larger summer attendance, both because the outside temperatures will be cooler earlier in the day, and the earlier time will leave people more time in the day for other summer activities. The last nine o'clock worship service will be held on August 19. Beginning on August 26 our worship time returns to ten o'clock. See below for more information on our worship service that day.

This summer I plan to take four weeks of vacation in July, and take study leave beginning in late July through three weeks in August. During my vacation time the Rev. Tom Anderson from Haddam Neck Covenant Church will be available for emergencies July 1-6, and the Rev. Bill Hodge will be available for emergencies July 7-27. The phone number for Tom Anderson is 267-2336. The phone number for Bill Hodge is 267-4272. The Diaconate has lined up several supply pastors to lead worship services July 1, 8, 15, and 22.

This year during my study leave I will be leading worship each Sunday, but will be out of the office during the week. I will be checking the church's answering machine for emergencies, and will respond to them. The worship format during those three weeks of my study leave will be more topical, and will have a different approach and pace. I hope you will find the differences refreshing and challenging. I also hope to use my study leave to catch up on some reading relating to church organization, and attend to other office-keeping tasks that I have been unable to focus on during the rest of this past year.

On Sunday, August 26, at ten o'clock, we will be worshipping with Second Congregational Church of Middle Haddam, at their church. **We will not hold worship at the Congregational Church of East Hampton on that day.** To keep our church's offerings separate from that of Second Congregational Church's, please be sure to put your offering in your church pledge envelope, or put your offering in a plain envelope with *Congregational Church of East Hampton* written on the outside of it. I hope that you can gather with us on that day in our sister church, where their pastor and I will co-lead the worship service in a combined worship experience.

I hope that you find the summer to be restful and inspiring. See you in church!

Tom

Summer Worship Hours

This is just a reminder that from June 24 until August 19 worship will be held at 9:00 on Sunday mornings.



Worship at Second Congregational Church of Middle Haddam

On Sunday, August 26 the Congregational Church of East Hampton will be holding worship at Second Congregational Church of Middle Haddam, at 10:00 a.m., with the pastors from each church sharing the leading of worship. The Congregational Church of East Hampton will not be open on that morning. To keep our offerings separate from theirs, please use your offering envelopes, or put your offering in a plain envelope with *Congregational Church of East Hampton* written on the outside of it. Come worship at Middle Haddam on that day!

COUNCIL

By-Law Suspension

This is an official notification to the members of the Congregational Church of East Hampton that on Sunday, September 16, 2007, during worship, the Church Council is calling a special meeting to consider suspending Article XV of the by-laws. This article of the by laws outlines the responsibilities of the Board of Stewards.

Since our strategic planning retreat in May at which the mission and function of the Board of Stewards was discussed, a small group of church members have been meeting to work on a proposal to reformat the functions of this Board. This proposal has been presented to the Parish Life and Development Committee, The Board of Stewards as well as the Church Council. Each committee has debated the merits of the proposal and made suggestions and revisions.

The proposal outlines three major Steward functions: Financial, Intentional Giving Pledge campaign and Building and Grounds. The suggestion is to make Finance a standing committee which will

be responsible for our budget and as other Boards be a standing committee with terms of office. Building and Grounds and Intentional Giving Pledge campaign will become two subcommittees who report to Council.

In order for us to move forward with this proposal, before the traditional annual meeting in late January, we need to suspend Article XV of the by-Laws.

Please make every effort to attend this special meeting. We believe that these structural committee changes make sense to our church, and will allow us to move forward in the life of our church.

Karen Evertson
Chair, Board of Stewards

WANTED: FINE COMPANY TO VISIT & CHAT!

Dean Waite is doing great, looks mighty fine too! But he really misses so many people and he would absolutely love to see many of you! Give him a call first (267-1414). I did it today and also brought him a fine iced coffee. Thank you~
Cindy Abraham

THANK YOU

"I want to thank the Church Family for the lovely card that was sent to me. It was deeply appreciated. Thank You."
Lorraine Ellis.

My thanks to all who offered up a prayer, sent a card, shared words of concern and encouragement or sent a card during the last few months...my recuperation has gone well and treatments are continuing through the summer...how wonderful it is to feel good again!!
Karen Gallmon



SEEDS OF HOPE THANKS

Thank you to everyone that supported this year's trip to Pine Ridge, South Dakota! It has been a busy and fun year of fundraising to reduce the out of pocket expenses. The group of 23 will be departing on Saturday, July 14 and will return on Friday, July 20. Please keep the group in your prayers during that week.

Justine Lavoie will be traveling with the Christian Medical Fellowship to Nigeria again at the end of July. Special offering baskets will be in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings for those who would like to sponsor this service ministry. You can also sponsor Justine by mail (check made to Justine Lavoie) at 5 Berkshire Dr, East Hampton, 06424.

Thanks from Dean

Thank you everyone for the cards, phone calls and visits during my stay at Marlborough Health Center. They certainly helped my recovery and my spirit. Thanks also to everyone that has visited me at home while I am continuing to recover. Thanks to Lorraine Barlow, Joyce Chamois, Jill Walker, Helen Condon and the Senior Center for some delicious meals in June.

Going Fast!

There is still the need for one more team teacher for Preschool/Kindergarten or 1st/2nd grade next year. Call Jill Walker at 267-7180 for more information. Church School begins September 9th.

Old Home Day News

Silent Auction Items are still needed! Bring them to church or call one of the following to arrange a time to drop off your items. Items are accepted until Thursday 7/12, but sooner is way better! Thanks!!!!!!!!!!

Donna and Art Marsden 267-2853, Bill and Leslie Dinunzio 267-6122, Cindy and Roger Abraham 267-8846, Helen and Dave Curylo 267-8066. Brain McLellan will pick up large items if you call him at 267-4544.

Remember to sign up for a shift at the Strawberry Shortcake Booth, Silent Auction or Parking lot. We will only be taking donations for parking on Thursday and Friday this year. Sign up posters are in Fellowship Hall. Join the fun, help our events be successful!

Our Market on the Green will be held on the church lawn on Saturday. Home based vendors, crafts, patio furniture, collectibles, chiropractic evaluations, jewelry and more will be featured. Be sure to stop by and see what treasures await!

ANNUAL FALL (FAIR) DINNER

RE: Annual Fall (fair) Dinner. In years past, we have enjoyed our annual Fall PotRoast dinner a week or two after the Church Fall Fair. One of the main reasons for this scheduling, was to provide an opportunity to announce raffle winners for the raffle items that were offered as a part of the fair! It has been the observation of the "dinner committee" that there is evidence of "burn-out" in having a fundraising dinner so soon after a major fundraising event such as the fair. This years "Fall Dinner" has been scheduled for Saturday, September 29th. It is the hope of the dinner committee, that in moving up the date of the dinner, it may be looked upon as a "get back in the swing / catch-up after summer" event and that



enthusiasm and participation will be markedly increased. As we all tend to be busy with relaxing, vacations and just plain "taking a break" from obligations - please mark your calendars for 9/29 and perhaps, ponder over the summer months, how you might be able to contribute to this event! Have a wonderful, relaxing summer !!

Karen Gallmon, Dinner Chairperson

KUDOS CORNER

Yesterdays Youth Service was "awesome". I think that Kudos should go to all the youth, teachers and advisors for their presentation. We have very talented and giving youth in our church and are fortunate to have such dedicated teachers.

Kudos to Rick Walker and his helpers at the plant sale.

Kudos in advance to all those that are helping with the Silent Auction, Golf Tournament and Strawberry Booth.

ALTER FLOWERS

Those of us who wish to have flowers on the altar, please see that payment is either made on or before your date of remembrance. Thank You.

Jeanette

GOLF TOURNAMENT AUGUST 21

Don't forget the second annual Belltown golf tournament is coming soon. Drop into the church office to get a signup form and get your friends, coworkers and family to sign up.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

- July 12-14: Old Home Day
Strawberry Booth
Silent Auction
Market on the Green
- July 14: "Seeds of Hope" Mission Trip to South Dakota begins
- August 21: Belltown Open Golf Tournament, sponsored by our church
- August 26: Union Service at 2nd Congregational, **10 a.m.**
- September 2: Services return to regular time at 10 a.m.
- September 9: Homecoming Sunday—Church School resumes

Death

Our love and sympathy reach out to the Gates family on the death of Betsy's mother, Mary B. Wheeler, on June 12.

COSA NEWS

Welcome to our newest COSA members, Lisa Be- gin and Pam and Jim Magoon. We are very happy to have you join us!!!!

Fall CROP walk

We've se the date! Sunday October 14th will be our 22nd annual CROP walk. We look forward to this annual event!

Tools of Hope

Thank you to all those who supported our Church World Service "Tools of Hope" drive for Father's Day. The right tool placed in the hands of people in need empowers people and brings a better tomorrow, it's a tool of hope!

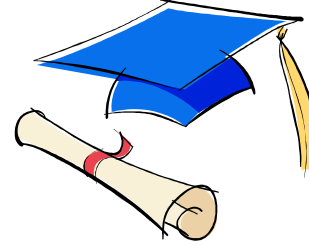


In Honor of

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Earl Peterson
 Bob Johnson
 Mark Gallmon
 Alfred Prince
 Edgar Prince Jr.
 Robert Prince
 Ermendo Prince
 Jerry Gerkey
 Tim Quackenbush
 Bill Mellen
 Ed Loveland
 Charles Ames
 Rodney Schlosser
 Ronald Begin
 Marc Begin
 Pelton Briggs

Jen Shumbo/Pamela Luckha
 Karen Gallmon
 Karen Gallmon
 Edgar and Emma Prince
 Edgar and Emma Prince
 Emma Prince
 Edgar and Emma Prince
 Todd Gerkey
 Colleen Mellen
 Colleen Mellen
 Jean Loveland
 The Aarrestad Family
 The Schlosser Family
 The Begin Family
 The Begin Family
 Bob and Cyndi Shirshac



GRADUATES

Congratulations to these young people who graduated from high school this year:

Kelsey Aarrestad plans to study nursing at the University of Vermont.

Elyse Dolde wants to study Global Communications at Roger Williams University.

Tyler Provost will be entering Wentworth Institute of Technology to study architecture.

Best wishes to each of you and to all our graduates! We are proud of you!

In Memory of

Given By

Francis Adamonier
 Harvey Coutu
 Ralph Gezelman Jr.
 Roland Lawrence
 Kenneth Barlow
 Nate Hale
 Alfred Parsons
 Irwin Quackenbush
 Lawrence A. Cerri
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 Jeanette Knotek
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 The Schollosser Family
 Mavis Gee
 Roy M. Pettengill
 Adeline P. Pasternak
 Carol and John Westcote
 Carol and John Westcote
 Whitney and Susan Fielding
 Whitney and Susan Fielding

JULY USHERS

July 1: David & Marianne Kelsey
 July 8: David & Helen Curylo
 July 15: Ruth Rafus & Jeanette Knotek
 July 22: Diane Evans & Steve Gephard
 July 29: ? ?

A Little Humor

A little boy was overheard praying:
 "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it, I'm having a real good time like I am."



SUMMERTIME

Okay so we all know that it is summer and the days are long, warm and hopefully full of fun, family and adventures. It is also the time that our church seems to take a break, this year in fact; we have made an intentional change in the hours of Sunday service. It is also the time when traditionally many of us take a vacation, if you will from our intentional giving pledge. Did you ever notice, that our pledge envelopes could be mailed? They can. So, during this busy season where many of us, travel, vacation and read a good book, please remember to mail in your pledge. The needs of the church do not take a vacation and we, as a church family need to continue to remember our commitments to the church and it's missions.